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ACTION MEMORANDUM

OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR

Action Memorandum No. A-121

Date 5 January 1963

TO : Deputy Director (Intelligence)

SUBJECT :

REFERENCE:

1. Secretary McNamara called me about noon on Saturday, 5 January, to state that he was going to make a budget presentation to Congress later on and needed to use some figures out of NIE 11-8 (Soviet Strategic Forces) on a Secret rather than a Top Secret basis.
2. Specifically, he indicated that he wanted to use the Soviet missile capabilities in 1967 such as indicating the ranges of our Estimates, i.e., 300-600, etc.
3. He did not feel that this information was really Top Secret and asked that we allow him to use it on a Secret basis.
4. I told him that I would check it out and have his office informed on Monday. Please take appropriate action accordingly.

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Acting Director

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: Action in Response to Action Memorandum 1-121

1. At the morning meeting 8 January I explained to the DCI that Secretary McNamara wished to use some Soviet missile capabilities estimates from NIE 11-8 on a "SECRET" basis for his budget presentation to Congress. I recommended that the DCI discuss this with Secretary McNamara himself, since all we could say from the intelligence and security viewpoint was that a round number estimate could clearly be treated as SECRET if intelligence sources and methods were not discussed. On the other hand, the DCI ought to assure himself that Secretary McNamara realized the delicate policy implications of using these figures and should get the President's permission rather than relying simply on our "clearance" from the intelligence standpoint.

2. The DCI agreed to take this action orally on 8 January when he was scheduled to see Secretary McNamara.

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Deputy Director (Intelligence)

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